

July 27, 2012

Grantsville City Council Statement

The Grantsville City Council would like to take this opportunity to affirm its full support for Mayor Brent K. Marshall and the internal affairs investigation through which the termination of Mr. Carl Peterson occurred.

The City is legally not allowed to discuss the personnel matters of a specific individual. This legal restriction does not allow the City to defend itself when it comes to accusations levied informally by a former employee. Grantsville City's process regarding an internal affairs investigation complies with due process requirements. Mr. Peterson received the same internal affairs investigation process that any and all City employees receive.

Grantsville City understands the weight and severity of the responsibility it has to serve and protect its citizens. The City expects its public safety officers to uphold the highest standard of professionalism and integrity. This duty also requires the City to insure that none of the officers become a safety risk to the public.

Fully understanding these responsibilities, the City Council has had the opportunity to review the internal affairs investigation regarding Mr. Peterson and his entire personnel file. Based on our review, it is the unanimous position of the Grantsville City Council that the termination of Mr. Peterson was justified. It was appropriate and in accordance with the City's responsibility to serve and protect the citizens regarding our public safety officers.

The Council also found the individual who arrived on scene did not receive any preferential treatment in this incident. The vehicle that was initially stopped was impounded and the driver was cited for No Registration, No Insurance, and No Valid license. The individual who arrived on scene was arrested, booked into jail, forced to pay bail and was prosecuted in the Utah District Court in Tooele. The resolution of that matter was in accord with cases similarly situated.

Contrary to Mr. Peterson's accusation, Mayor Marshall did not go to the scene of the incident.

The Council has the utmost up most confidence that the termination of Mr. Peterson was justified and done within the necessary due process requirements. Mr. Peterson's termination was in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

Grantsville City Council,

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